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# MOROCCAN STATUS

Delegates Anticipate Decisive Step Very Soon

## IN FRANCO-GERMAN ISSUE

Renewal of Efforts to Effect a Mutual Settlement.

## AMERICAN DELEGATION ACTIVE

Despite Fact That One Proposition After Another Fails of Acceptance—Neutrals Are Hopeful.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, February 15.—The situation of the Franco-German controversy over the vital points of the proposed Moroccan reforms remains unchanged, although a feeling prevails among the delegates that some decisive step is not far off. They are particularly cautious just now, in view of the alternative waves of optimism and pessimism and of the fact that the inability thus far to reach an accord does not warrant overconfidence.

But at the same time it is conceded that the continuance of the Franco-German pourparlers shows that the critical stage has not yet been reached and that the adjournment yesterday of the sessions of the conference until Saturday gives an opportunity for an active renewal of the efforts to reconcile the French and German contentions.

Ambassador White, chief of the American delegation, in his efforts to find a compromise has not varied from the course which he has followed since the conference began.

### Americans Busy.

With the co-operation of the Marquis Visconti Venosta, head of the Italian mission, the American ambassador has already put forward several tentative plans for an adjustment, which have been unsuccessful owing to the unyielding attitude of one side or the other.

### French Attitude Improved.

BERLIN, February 15.—It is semi-officially declared that the reply of M. Reuvel, the head of the French mission at Algeciras, to the explanation by Herr von Radowicz, the first German delegate, of Germany's views on the Moroccan police question produced an excellent impression on the German delegation, and that in consequence the present French attitude toward the situation at Algeciras is much improved.

### BARK GIVEN UP AS LOST.

British Ship Sailed From Portland September 22 for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 15.—The British bark Drummer, which sailed from Portland on September 22 last for Manila, and is now one hundred days overdue at that port, is given up as lost, having been advanced to the rate of 90 per cent on the overdue list. She was commanded by Capt. Neil McCallum, whose wife accompanied him on the voyage. The Drummer was a four-masted bark, 1,079 tons register, built in Barrow in 1885. She was owned by the Barneson-Hibbard Company of this city.

She had a crew of twenty men on board, whose names are as follows: W. C. Check, first officer; R. Gillies, second mate; J. Terry, carpenter; J. E. Stafford, W. Helme, Minisuro Nagato, Herbert Potter, J. McCallan, George Butler, H. Thompson, Owen O'Neill, O. H. Lamm, Frank Lutter, W. McConnel, James H. F. Fredericks, T. Streibner and Guy Duckett, the able seamen; also N. Barry, cook and steward, and T. Cockle, cabin boy.

### HELD FOR EXTRADITION.

Two Arrested at San Francisco on Philadelphia Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 15.—John H. Ott and Frank Johnson were returned to Philadelphia for trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud their creditors. Ott and Johnson fled to this city with stolen money, and while here, it is alleged, Ott stole \$1,000 from Johnson and fled to New Mexico. He was arrested there and returned to this city, where he was held for extradition, on the request of the police of Philadelphia.

### ARCHDUKE WISE TO SITUATION.

Ruler at Budapest Asked for Eight Weeks' Leave.

VIENNA, February 15.—In view of the impending dissolution of the Hungarian chamber, and he consequent interregnum of absolutism, arising from the failure of the coalition to take the responsibility of forming a government on terms which the emperor is willing to sanction, Archduke Joseph has taken a significant step. He commands a cavalry regiment quartered at Budapest, and has asked for eight weeks' leave of absence in order, it is said, to take part in any military maneuvers which may be decided to adopt against Hungary.

### FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS.

British Officials Are in Sympathy With Movement.

LONDON, February 15.—While declining to make any rash promises, Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith this morning declared themselves in entire sympathy with a deputation which called on them to advocate the establishment of a national system of old-age pensions. The deputation urged that the scheme should be comprehensive, and include all citizens, men or women, the money being found by means of imperial taxation. The premier and chancellor of the exchequer heartily approved of the suggestion.

The only difficulty at present, they pointed out, was the question of ways and means. They thought, however, that with great care in the administration of the country's finances, it would not be impossible to find money for such a beneficent scheme.

### Minor Coinage Extension.

The House committee on coinage weights and measures has recommended the passage of the bill to permit the coinage of minor coins at the other United States mints besides Philadelphia, and increasing the fund at disposal of the Secretary of the Treasury for minor coinage purposes from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

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## ON CONSULAR REFORM

Lively Row Expected in the House

## WHEN THE BILL COMES UP

Less Patronage to Representatives Will Be Given.

## A PROPOSED CONVENTION HERE

Extract From the Circular by New York Board of Trade and Transportation Calling It.

A lively row in the House is on over the consular-reform bill. The measure has passed the Senate, and is likely to receive the sanction of the House committee on foreign affairs, but when it comes up in the House will probably meet with opposition.

The complaint of some of the members of the House against the bill is twofold, first, that it provides the Senate with some very desirable patronage to the probable exclusion of the House; second, that it continues in office, under a species of civil service, all the consular force, and deprives representatives in Congress from hereafter filling any vacancies that might occur.

### Consuls General-at-Large.

One of the sections of the bill provides for the appointment (and, of course, the senators would make them, it is urged) of five inspectors of consulates, to be known as "consuls general-at-large," who shall receive each \$5,000 a year and traveling expenses. These gentlemen shall have a roving commission to go about the world, with this comfortable salary and in addition the expenses of travel incident to the dignity of their office, inspecting consulates. Whenever necessary they shall supplant the resident consuls, take over his office and clear out the entire force of the office.

### Members of the House Say That This Will Be an Office Which in Desirability Will Be Second to None in the Diplomatic Service.

save ambassadorships and ministers, and they are inclined to fear that the Senate will get them all, as this is a Senate bill. That one little provision in the bill has excited no end of jealousy.

### Coming Convention Here.

A circular has been issued by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation inviting commercial organizations to send delegates to a national consular reform convention to be held in New York on March 13 and 14, at the New Willard. The circular says it is proposed to create a permanent national committee on consular reform, with one member from each congressional district. The circular reads:

"From time to time, if conditions make it necessary, it will be the duty of each member of the national committee to urge the claims of consular reform upon the attention of the United States senators from his state, and upon his own representative in Congress. But if this should not be practicable, it would be the duty of the member of the national committee to communicate with his state and to obtain the active co-operation of the influential men of his state or district.

### Full Reparation Given.

Officials Who Arrested American Women to Be Punished.

Full reparation for the ill-treatment of Miss Elsie Stern of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Anna Snyder of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been made by the Turkish government. Secretary Root has received a dispatch from Minister Leshman, at Constantinople, announcing that the Turkish government has accepted and made apologies for the arrest of the young women and stated that officials responsible for the arrest have been imprisoned. Representatives of the department were asked about this practice of Pera called and made apologies for the arrest of the young women and stated that officials responsible for the arrest have been imprisoned.

### OPPOSED TO THE PAYNE BILL.

George W. Swink Appears for the Beet Sugar Industry.

George W. Swink of Rocky Ford, Colo., spoke in opposition to the Philippine tariff bill today before the Senate committee on the Philippines. He said that beets are among the only crop that can be raised on high-priced irrigated land that will bring values to compare with ordinary crops raised in the middle western states, and that the passage of the bill would bring sugar to the United States at a cost much less than it can be produced here.

### War Department Officials Heard.

War Department officials were heard yesterday by the subcommittee of the House appropriations committee which is preparing the legislative appropriation bill. Secretary Taft, Gen. Ainsworth, Gen. Humphrey, Col. Clarence R. Edwards and J. C. Schofield, the chief clerk of the War Department, appeared before the committee. Fault was found by several members of the subcommittee with the department's practice of paying clerks out of money not set aside specifically for that purpose. Gen. Humphrey and other heads of divisions in the department were asked about this practice and questions brought out the fact that in many branches of the service the amount shown as clerks' salary fell far short of the sum actually paid out for clerical work.

### Considering Dominican Treaty.

The Senate committee on foreign relations, following its agreement to take up the Dominican treaty section by section and bring it to an early vote in the committee, has adopted two important amendments. Neither of these, however, had any bearing on the use of an armed force to preserve order in the republic and protect Americans engaged in collecting revenues at the Dominican customs houses. The committee adjourned until next Wednesday.



## MATOS DENIES REPORTS

NOTED REVOLUTIONIST IS NOT PLOTTING AGAINST CASTRO.

PARIS, February 15.—The presence in Paris of Gen. Matos, who headed the last revolution in Venezuela against President Castro, leads to reports that Matos might again take measures to stir up an insurrection. He is receiving no recognition, official or otherwise, but the French government is aware of his presence here. Matos today was asked whether there was any truth in the reports that he is organizing a revolution, and replied:

### People Now Pacific.

"The Venezuelans, though prone to internal trouble, would rise as a single man in defense of their territory from foreign aggression. The country is now in a peaceful condition, and a revolution would have but small chance of success, while none of the men mentioned as possible leaders could secure sufficient support to warrant them in taking any action."

### Referring to the Franco-Venezuelan Difficulty.

Gen. Matos said he thought the affair, which originated in a trifling difference between President Castro and M. Taigny, would be settled without coercion or armed intervention.

### FREIGHT STEAMER ASHORE.

Only Four Passengers on Board—Life Savers to Rescue.

SCITUATE, Mass., February 15.—A large freight steamer is ashore on the southern end of Third Cliff. The weather is thick and a brisk northerly wind is blowing. The steamer is the Leyland line steamer Devonian, carrying passengers and freight. Life-savers have been out to her and returned.

The vessel grounded some time between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning, during a thick snowstorm and high wind and seas. Since daylight both sea and wind have abated considerably. There are only four passengers on board.

### Maintenance of the Long Bridge.

The committee also decided to give Mrs. John A. Logan a hearing next Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock on the bill introduced, by request, by Representative Madden appropriating \$1,400 for payment to Mrs. Logan for the alleged destruction of permanent improvements on her property at the District of Columbia, shared by the change of grade of the latter thoroughfare.

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## HAD A BUSY SESSION

MEETING OF THE HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Two Proposed Amendments of the Code Laid Over—Restriction of Corporations.

The House District committee held its regular Thursday meeting this morning, but was unable to dispose of all of the business before it, and assembled again at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The committee was still in session when The Star's report closed.

At this morning's session the bill introduced by Representative Flood of Virginia, amending the District code so that a widow shall be entitled to dower only in lands held by the husband by equitable or legal title at the time of his death, but such right of dower shall not operate to the prejudice of any claim for the purchase money of such lands or other lien on them," was laid on the table, and action indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Flood's bill, providing that "whenever any husband in the District of Columbia shall fail or refuse to maintain his wife and minor children, although able so to do, the court may decree that he shall pay her such sums as may be allowed as permanent alimony in case of divorce," met the same fate.

### Restricting Real Estate Corporations.

The Senate bill to amend that section of the District code relating to corporations was favorably reported to the House with an amendment providing that no real estate corporation shall be capitalized at more than a million dollars, nor shall assume indebtedness of more than half a million dollars. The bill was then laid over for two weeks in order that the members of the committee might have time to look into the subject.

### BIBLE FOR MISS ROOSEVELT.

Unique Wedding Gift Sent by Baltimore Sunday School.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 15.—Among the many unique gifts to be sent Miss Alice Roosevelt will be one from the Bible House, E. Church Sunday School. The gift consists of a very handsome Oxford Bible, teachers edition, bound in black tanned leather printed on Indian paper, with gold finish, and containing an encyclopedia concordance. On one of the fly leaves the following inscription was written: "We, the members of the Eutaw Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, desire to show evidence of our patriotism by heartily felicitations to the White House by presenting her with a star-spangled banner and the open Bible, which always follow the flag."

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## SPECIAL SESSION ENDS

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED TODAY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., February 15.—The Pennsylvania legislature today completed the business for which it was called in extra session, and adjourned finally. All of the reform legislation enumerated by the governor in his official call was enacted with the exception of civil service for the state officers. Three bills have already been signed, and the remainder will be acted upon within the next thirty days. Among the important bills passed were the following:

Consolidating the cities of Pittsburgh-Allegheny City to Greater Pittsburgh; personal registration for cities; abolishing the fees of the secretary of the commonwealth; abolishing the fees of the insurance commissioner and designating the number and salaries of the employees of the insurance department; establishing a uniform system of primary elections to be held twice a year; establishing civil service and regulations for the municipal employees of Philadelphia, prescribing the purposes for which candidates and campaign committees may expend money, and repealing the Philadelphia "tipper," which takes away from the mayor and places with the city council the appointment of directors of public safety and public works.

The session also authorized a legislative inquiry into the affairs of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and its constituent companies; directed the attorney general to inquire by what authority certain railroad companies in the state are engaged in the anthracite coal mining business, and to make an investigation of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Safety and the sources from which the commissioner and actuary receive their fees.

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### FIRE AT SCRANTON.

Erie Station Burned, Together With Baggage and Express.

SCRANTON, Pa., February 15.—The station of the Erie railroad here was totally destroyed by fire today, together with considerable baggage and express matter. Three passenger coaches were also burned and the Ariel Hotel was considerably damaged.

### Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, February 15.—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, from Hamburg.

## FATEFUL CONFERENCE

Miners and Operators Meet This Afternoon

## TO FORMULATE CONTRACT

Between Employers and Men, Effective April 1.

## COAL COMPANIES REPRESENTED

No Pennsylvania Road Representative—Matters of Great Import—Hinge on the Result.

NEW YORK, February 15.—The conference between the coal miners and the union mine workers of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania, at which efforts will be made to formulate an agreement between the employers and the men, to go into effect April 1, when the award of the anthracite strike commission expires, will be held this afternoon. All the coal companies will be represented, and the interests of the employees will be looked after by the special select committee of thirty-six, which is made up of the mine workers' executive board of three anthracite districts.

President Mitchell is chairman of this committee. Among those who will attend the meeting are President George F. Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company; T. P. Fowler, president of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad; F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie railroad; E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley railroad; David Wilson, president of the Delaware and Hudson Company. The independent operators will be represented by Frank Pardee of Hazleton, Pa., and L. C. Calkins of Pottsville, Pa. W. L. Connell of Scranton, Pa., an independent operator, who is president of the anthracite board of conciliation, will also be in attendance.

### The Coal Carrying Roads.

The Pennsylvania railroad will not be directly represented, it not having been invited to the conference, but will abide by any action taken by the presidents of the other coal-carrying railroads.

In case a technical discussion shall ensue after the miners have formally made known their grievances the operators will call in officials of the various coal companies who in the past have been successful in the mining companies.

Among them are A. F. Law, manager of the Temple Iron Company; General Manager of the Scranton Coal Company; W. A. May, superintendent of the Erie railroad; Col. R. A. Phillips of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad; S. B. Warner of the Lehigh Valley, and W. J. Richards, general mining superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. Messrs. Warner and Richards are members of the anthracite board of conciliation.

### DOLAN'S CAUSTIC ADDRESS.

Declared That Mitchell's Statements Are Barefaced Lies.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 15.—When the Pittsburgh miners' conference resumed its session today, President Patrick Dolan made a caustic address to the delegates, replying to the letter of President John Mitchell, which was read to the delegates yesterday by National Vice President Lewis. President Dolan said in part:

"I want to say that Mitchell's statements in his letter are barefaced lies. He claims that the statement in the newspapers last Monday was not written by me. I most emphatically say that it was. I charge Mitchell with sending national board members into the Pittsburgh district to try to defeat me. Both myself and Vice President Bellingham will be candidates for re-election, however, and will go before the miners for a vindication of our vote at Indianapolis."

### Mr. Dick on Statedhood.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Vice President laid the joint statement bill before the Senate in accordance with the action of the Senate making that measure the unfinished business. Mr. Dick of the committee on territories was recognized as the first speaker and he read a carefully prepared speech in support of the measure, especially favoring the consolidation of Arizona and New Mexico as one state and of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another. He said that everybody recognizes that Oklahoma and Indian Territory are prepared for admission as one state, and that every one acquainted with the facts ought to agree that without consolidation New Mexico and Arizona are not prepared to assume the duties of statedhood.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On meeting today the House passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue duplicates of lost checks when the amount of the check is greater than \$2,500. The Secretary already has this authority regarding checks under that sum. A bill was passed authorizing a seal for United States commissioners.

### Failing a few days ago, because of a point of order, to secure consideration of a bill authorizing a consolidation of customs collection districts, Mr. Payne (N. Y.) today entered a motion to take up the bill, it having been amended so as to make it "privileged." Opposition was immediately manifested. Mr. Thomas (N. C.) wanted to debate the motion, but, not being allowed to do so, demanded a vote by tellers.

### As this vote defeated the motion, 65 to 90, Mr. Payne demanded a roll call.

During the roll call Mr. Longworth (Ohio) was called to the chair and presided over the House as Speaker for about a minute. Mr. Longworth arranged to "pair" his vote in the House for two weeks, or until March 4.

The House refused to take up the bill, the vote being 97 in favor of Mr. Payne's motion and 163 against it. Mr. Thomas, desiring to clinch the defeat of the bill, which was met with applause, moved to table the vote.

### The Speaker ruled against this, when he moved to table the bill. This motion also the Speaker would not entertain.

"Oh, the gentleman need not be alarmed," remarked Mr. Payne, "the bill will come up again some other day, and in the meantime I will endeavor to get some information before the House to let gentlemen know what they are voting for."

"Will the gentleman give notice when he is to call it up?" asked Mr. Thomas. "I will give no notice," responded Mr. Payne.

### Registry for Foreign Ships.

The Speaker ordered the call of committees, which proceeded until the merchant marine and fisheries was reached, when Mr.

## Weather.

Fair, colder tonight; tomorrow fair, not quite so cold.

## THE STATEHOOD BILL

Consideration of the Measure Begun in the Senate.

## MR. DICK EXPLAINS DETAILS

Presents Arguments in Favor of Consolidation.

## REGISTRY OF REPAIRED SHIPS

Animated Debate in the House—Refusal to Consider Bill to Consolidate Customs District.

The Senate began the consideration of the joint statedhood bill at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Dick spoke in support of the bill, first explaining the committee amendments and then presenting the reasons for consolidating Oklahoma with Indian Territory and Arizona with New Mexico.

Mr. Stone sought to secure the passage of the bill permitting the importation of tea waste for the manufacture of caffeine and other chemical products, but Messrs. Allison and Spooner objected on the ground that under the measure all kinds of impure tea could be brought into the country. The bill was not, therefore, passed.

The Senate agreed to a resolution offered by Senator Morgan instructing the committee on printing to direct the public printer to send to the committee a detailed estimate of the cost of establishing in the government printing office all necessary machinery for reproducing photographs, halftone plates and zinc line drawings, and if additional skilled labor is required to operate said machinery, and the cost of employing the same.

The Senate then took up the calendar, and the following bills were passed:

Authorizing the Campbell Lumber Company to construct two bridges across the St. Francis river in Clay county, Arkansas.

Prohibiting the unlawful wearing of the insignia of the G. A. R. and other